Increase in rehabilitation amount for Scavengers

1598. DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of the number of scavengers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if so, whether there is any reduction in the number of scavengers after the introduction of preventive measures taken by Government; and

(d) whether the Government of Karanataka has requested Government to increase the cost of rehabilitation amount per unit from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 5,00000 lakh so that their problem is solved permanently?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) A statement indicating number of scavengers, State/UT-wise, as reported by the State Governments/UT administrations is enclosed *(See* below).

(c) The scavengers are being assisted under the National Scheme for Liberation Rehabilitation of Scavengers and the Schemes of the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation. The number of scavengers has reduced in some States.

(d) Yes Sir.

Statement

The number of scavengers identified in the States/UTs.

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of Scavengers identified by States/UTs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30921
2.	Assam	40413
3.	Bihar	12226

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of Scavengers identified by States/UTs
4.	Gujarat	64195
5.	Haryana	36362
6.	Himachal Pradesh	4757
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	4150
8.	Karnataka	14555
9.	Kerala	1339
10.	Madhya Pradesh	80072
11.	Maharashtra	64785
12.	Orissa	35049
13.	Punjab	531
14.	Rajasthan	57736
15.	Tamil Nadu	35561
16.	Uttar Pradesh	149202
17.	West Bengal	23852
18.	Delhi	17420
19.	Nagaland	1800
20.	Meghalaya	607
21.	Pondicherry	476
22.	Tripura	NIL
	TOTAL	6,76,009

Criteria for creamy layer among OBCs

†1599. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding criteria fixed for determining creamy layer among Other Backward Classes, at present;

(b) whether the criteria so fixed have been amended as per the prevailing economic conditions;

(c) whether it is a fact that in far-flung rural areas certificates are issued to the persons belonging to the reserved categories without proper verifications etc. and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.